

MINUTES FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009, IN THE CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 1212 AVENUE M IN THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, COUNTY OF WALKER, TEXAS AT 12:00PM (NOON).

The Council met in a regular session with the following:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: J. Turner, Charles Forbus, Lanny Ray, Mac Woodward, Jack Wagamon, Wayne Barrett and Dalene Zender

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Mahaffey, Tom Cole

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bill Baine, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary

REGULAR SESSION* [12:00pm (Noon)]

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Texas Flag: Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

3. INVOCATION

Councilmember Barrett led the invocation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. STATUTORY AGENDA

- a. *Discussion and possible action* on the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntsville, Walker County and the Boys & Girls Club for the City of Huntsville Community Shelter. [Bill Baine, City Manager]

Councilmember Forbus made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding. Councilmember Wagamon seconded the motion.

Councilmember Forbus relayed Councilmember Mahaffey's concerns over the fact that the Boys and Girls Club (BOGC) did not have a pick up policy.

In response to Council questions, Dr. Sherry McKibben, Community Development Specialist, confirmed that the grant would be for around \$2.5 million, and would provide for the construction of the 10,000 square foot enclosed gym and recreational portion of the new building. She said the building would be constructed on the BOGC land, and that the BOGC would raise the money to complete the rest of the 22,000 square foot building. Dr. McKibben said that the City would only be providing grant expertise.

Councilmember Forbus asked if the BOGC could have a pick up policy. The Mayor said that perhaps the BOGC could be contacted directly.

Bill Baine, City Manager, explained that FEMA grants were no longer given just for shelter structures, that an organization had to use the facility full time.

Councilmember Woodward stated that he would not participate in the vote, as he is on the Board for the BOGC, but has no financial interest or other conflict. He also said that the BOGC would be responsible for the maintenance and utility costs of the new building, and that BOGC would cease activities during emergencies so that the City of Huntsville could use the building as a local shelter for citizen's and first responders. Councilmember Woodward said he also supported a pick up policy, but that that issue was part of the City's agreement with the BOGC.

Councilmember Barrett conveyed his feeling that this was a very significant grant and gave kudos to those who were instrumental in working on the project.

The motion passed unanimously, with Councilmember Woodward not participating in vote, and Councilmembers Cole

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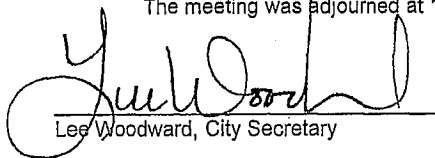
and Mahaffey absent.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no additional public comments made.

7. ADJOURNMENT [8:04 p.m.]

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10PM.


Lee Woodward, City Secretary

PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

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